

Disorders by Nationalists Spreading in Egypt.

Troops Opened Fire on Rioters—Ulster Expresses Confidence in Balfour.

TROUBLE IN EGYPT.
CAIRO, Dec. 26. Bluejackets arrived here Saturday in connection with the rioting which has been going on for several days. A flotilla of armed Nile boats manned by bluejackets will proceed to the upper Nile. The military have taken control of Port Said. Disturbances from various parts of Egypt were reported today, but the police and military are said to have the situation in hand. Twelve persons are dead as a result of disorders in Cairo so far.

RIOTERS KILLED.
CAIRO, Dec. 26. Five persons were killed and four wounded by troops who were called out during an attack on a police station here today. The troops opened a heavy fire on the rioters. A majority of Government officials have decided to go on strike, but it is not expected they will remain out long. Minor acts of sabotage to telegraph and telephone poles are reported in lower Egypt.

FRANCO-BRITISH ENTENTE.
PARIS, Dec. 26. There was no suggestion at the London discussions of France abandoning the guarantees given by the Versailles Treaty. Premier Briand declared in the Chamber of Deputies Saturday. The Entente between France and England is as strong and complete as ever Briand added.

WILL SATISFY FRANCE.
AMIENS, Dec. 26. Lloyd George, on his way to Cannes to attend the meeting of the Allied Supreme Council, said, "I am going there with the ardent desire that France shall be entirely satisfied, and I am sure we shall reach this result we are seeking."

VETERANS BECOME BEGGARS.
MONTREAL, Dec. 26. The streets of the city were dotted on Saturday by unemployed penniless soldiers soliciting aid for themselves and starving companions. They were

selling tags inscribed, "help keep the men who fought for you, from starving." The Armouries were placed at the disposal of the homeless for Christmas.

DISASTROUS STORM.
NEW ORLEANS, Dec. 26. A storm which swept lower Mississippi early Saturday took a toll of 31 lives and injured 70.

25 INJURED IN FIGHT.
CALCUTTA, Dec. 26. Twenty-five persons were injured, one fatally, during a fight last night between Eurasians and Mohammedans which grew out of a dispute over a hawk and had no connection with the visit of the Prince of Wales.

THE DAILY STORY FROM BELFAST.
BELFAST, Dec. 26. Further disorders occurred here today. A dozen shots were fired in Louis Street but so far as known nobody was hurt. Soldiers were hurried to the scene and restored order.

NO UNION BUT BENEVOLENT NEUTRALITY.
OTTAWA, Dec. 26. The idea of a formal alliance between Liberals and Progressives is now dismissed as improbable, but it is believed the week-end negotiations between King and Crear have resulted in an entente by which the Progressives will occupy the position of benevolent neutrality, leaving to the Conservatives the functions of the official opposition.

CRAIG'S CHRISTMAS MESSAGE.
BELFAST, Dec. 26. The Ulster Premier issued the following Christmas message today: "On behalf of Britain's youngest offspring I gladly express Ulster's complete confidence in Mr. Balfour and his colleagues in their endeavours to secure permanent goodwill amongst the nations. This effort in the United States to promote universal trust and freedom from war sanctifies American soil

and emphasises the greatness of her people. Ulster will rejoice with the world if there radiates from Washington this Christmas season tidings of universal peace which will in the hearts of all of us add another star to the folds of Old Glory."

CHINA'S PREMIER.
PEKIN, Dec. 26. A Presidential mandate to-day appointed Liang Shih VI Premier. He succeeds Chin Yung Peng who with his ministers resigned a week ago.

NAVIGATION CLOSES.
SAULT STE. Marie, Dec. 26. Navigation on the Great Lakes formally closed to-day, with the passage through the locks of the steamer Sir Thomas Shaughnessy.

COLUMBIA ACCEPTS.
NEW YORK, Dec. 26. The Treaty between Columbia and the United States which was ratified by the Columbian Congress. It provides for the payment of \$25,000,000 by the United States to Columbia.

Produce and Provisions.

(From Saturday's Trade Review.)
Codfish—The exports from Newfoundland this week amounted to 23,960 qts., as follows:—

From Outports—By schooner Astra from J. G. Carter, Herring Neck, 4,300 qts. to Lisbon; by schooner Marjorie Hennegar, from H. R. Silver, Renewa, to Halifax, 3,610 qts. and by schooner Rose M., from Newfoundland Labrador Export Co. Fogo, 3,222 qts. to Gibraltar for orders.

From St. John's—By schooner Audevalo from Messrs. Lazo & Co., 5,677 quintals to Seville; by schooner Liza D. Young, 3,280 qts. from Job Bros. & Co. to Oporto; by schooner Gerrie L. Hirtle, 1,339 qts. to Barbados; from Jas. Baird, Ltd., A. H. Murray, P. J. Cashin, Roberts, J. G. Carter, and Nfld. Coal Trading Co.; by S.S. Digby to Liverpool, 2,382 qts. from A. E. Hickman Co., Ltd., G. M. Barr, Harvey & Co., P. Templeman, Hollett & Clouston. The markets, especially Portugal, are now overstocked, and prices are not so good as last month. A better demand is looked for in January.

Cod Oil—The demand for Common Cod Oil has dropped off in the local market, owing chiefly to the fact that the large shipments that have been sent to New York the past three months have not gone into consumption, but are held by the large buyers there for their requirements this winter and the coming spring. They are fully stocked up, but are looking for a revival of the industries that use cod oil early in the spring. Some enquiries have been made lately from the English market, which will have a further tendency to market firm.

There is little left here now. The quotation is around \$90.00 per ton. The export this week amounted to 36,730 gallons by the S.S. "Bornholm" to New York.

Cod Liver Oil—The first move in export of Cod Liver Oil for two months or more took place this week, when 2,121 gallons were taken on the S.S. Digby to Liverpool, and 3,750 on the S.S. Bornholm to New York. This is a hopeful indication that conditions may improve in respect to this product the coming year. A great deal will, as far as Newfoundland is concerned, depend on the Norwegian fishery. It certainly will not pay manufacturers here to again take up the industry at the prices prevailing the past twelve months.

Pork—The imports of pork were only 190 barrels by the S.S. "Roselind" from New York, making the total for St. John's 21,300 since January 1, as against 27,574 last year at this date. The market is practically unchanged, and the local quotations are, \$29.00 wholesale for Mess Pork to arrive, \$29.00 for Short Cut, and Fat Back \$32.00 for Ham Butt and Morris Family, and \$24.00 for Spare Ribs. Family Mess \$50.00. Local trade is quiet except in shipments by coastal boats for winter supply for the lumber camps.

Beef—The beef imports this week totalled 948 barrels by the S.S. "Roselind" from New York. Trade in local

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—By Bud Fisher



Old Christmas Games.

"Blind man's buff" has been traced to very ancient rites connected with the prehistoric worship of Odin, the sightless deity of our old Norse ancestors. It was, however, not much of a "game" then, at all events so far as the individual chiefly concerned, for he was really blind, his sight being purposely destroyed prior to the commencement of the "festivities." To make sport of an unfortunate in this predicament, to buffet and trip him, and to watch his furious but usually futile efforts to lay hold upon his persecutors, was a source of unalloyed delight to the barbarous and semi-barbarous races who lived in olden times. Afterwards, as men became more civilized, a purposely-blinded animal was substituted for a human victim; and at a later date still, men, their eyes bandaged and their bodies swathed in skins, personated the beasts.

In Continental countries the game is called "blind bock," i.e., "blind goat," "blind kuh" or "blind cow"; while in Scotland it is "blind harle," in allusion to the rough or hairy attire once worn by the principal actor.

In old houses, with many rooms and books and corridors, the games known as "hide-and-seek," "touch," and tag, are favourite Yuletide ones. They are

taken bodily from an ancient miracle-play portraying the story of Diana and her nymphs.

"Puss-in-the-corner" is but a variation of the same old legend, with the Greek Artemis substituted for the Italian Diana. Both Diana and Artemis, of course, stood for the moon in ancient mythology; and "puss" is indifferently a cat, a hare, or a rabbit. All these three animals love to roam abroad on moonlight nights, and when alarmed, even by a passing shadow will scamper at full speed to the nearest "corner."

"Oranges and lemons," another favorite Christmas game in old-fashioned households, represents in crude childish pantomime a medieval battle. The children choose sides, elect a captain, and go through every detail of the fight down to the execution of the prisoners.

In "Here we go round the Mulberry Bush" we are introduced, as in so many other similar games, to a primeval marriage service. Trees were formerly sacred to dancing at the wedding festival, and the mulberry had a special significance.

The Christmas-tree is directly connected with the worship of the god Woden, a benevolent individual, who was said to shower down gifts from the forest trees on such of his favorite disciples as chanced to wander beneath their branches.

Pantomimes are a direct survival of the Roman Saturnalia, when slaves were privileged to buffet senators, exactly as to-day the clown does on the stage the policemen, who are the modern representatives of law and order, as were the senators in question twenty centuries ago.

The Yuletide log, without which Christmas would not be Christmas in thousands of old-fashioned country houses, is but the degenerate descendant of those mighty bonfires, each composed of hundreds of whole pine trees, with which our remote Scandinavian ancestors were wont to honor, during the winter solstice, their god Thor.

WINTER WANTS.—We have a large assortment of Boots, Shoes and Clothing for your Winter requirements—Prices reasonable. Drop in and be convinced. DOMINION SECOND HAND STORE, 4 Chapel Street. (dec25)

HARDING SIGNS RELIEF BILL.
WASHINGTON, Dec. 23. President Harding has signed the Russian Relief Bill, which carries appropriations of twenty million dollars to be expended under the supervision of the American Relief Administration.